



An MRCI client at work in the community.

Your dollars in action:

MRCI - Center Based Extended Employment

"Mike" came to MRCI in October 2006 from the State Hospital where he had resided for almost 20 years. With the assistance of his MRCI Case Manager, Mike started his employment in the community. When this work ended, Mike was able to return to the Center Based work program at MRCI and continue his 30 hour a week employment.

Without this opportunity, Mike would have been left with few options other than sitting at home waiting for a new job. Mike has battled some very serious health issues through the years which makes job placement more of a challenge. His ability to maintain his normal work schedule despite the lost job in the community has enabled him to improve his work skills and work with his Case Manager to develop an appropriate job placement plan to return to community employment.

Support from the United Way has helped to keep Mike a productive member of our community and has greatly contributed to his sense of self sufficiency.

Can you imagine what an impact this opportunity has had on Mike, and on our community?

Give.

Did you know that **people under 35 change jobs an average of every 20 months**? Or that in 2010, 40% of the workforce will be eligible for retirement? With over 70% of our campaign donations coming from employee pledges, this gives us at United Way something to think about. How do we make up for **Matt's** payroll pledge when he switches to a new company mid-year, leaving the rest of his payroll pledge unfulfilled at his old company? How do we keep in contact with **Marie** who retires after having been a United Way donor for 20 years?

By asking Human Resource departments to give every New Hire the opportunity to start pledging to United Way through payroll withholding from day 1, **Matt** can pick up his pledge where he left off when he starts at his new company. If we get better at this, we could reduce the nearly \$100,000 in lost pledges we have every year.

By asking HR departments to give every departing employee an Exiting Employee Paycheck Stuffer, **Marie** can provide us with her home address or email so that we can continue to keep her informed and engaged with United Way's impact, even in retirement.

If you are in HR, click below to view or download these materials for your employees:

Each year, your United Way dollars also:

- Provide **1,500** hours of individual Case Management service to people with disabilities working at MRCI
- Assist nearly **100** people with disabilities learn to manage their money and be active, productive consumers in our community
- Support full time Case Manager services such as counseling and support to workers with disabilities

Do you want to see all the great things going on at MRCI for yourself? Then take part in the **Agency Tour at MRCI on Friday, May 28th** during your lunch hour. To RSVP, call us at 507-345-4551 or email us at mankatouw@mankatounitedway.org.

To see what other **Agency Tours** are coming up, go to our webpage at www.mankatounitedway.org.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE! www.mankatounitedway.org

Loaded with information about local resources like the 2-1-1 help line, Volunteer Solutions, and upcoming Agency Tour dates, our website also has links and downloads of all the materials we talk about here. Can't find something? Contact Us and we'll get it up there!



Volunteers stuffing books for Books for Kids

- [2009 Brochure & Pledge Card](#)

- [Exiting Employee Paycheck Stuffers](#)

If you have questions or would like us to provide you with materials, just call or email us:

mankatouw@mankatounitedway.org

Advocate.

New Heart Club plaques and sticker updates are being distributed to all of our Heart Club members who requested them.



What a great way to **advocate** your support of United Way. So display your plaque with pride - it's just one way that you **LIVE UNITED!**

PS - If you are a leadership giver and should have gotten a Heart Club plaque or sticker update, please [let us know!](#)

Volunteer.

In honor of National Volunteer Week, we want to say a special Thank You to all the volunteers that make our United Way work!

In 2008, over 450 volunteers put in over 4,600 hours for our United Way. **Thank You** for your commitment, your support, and for choosing to **LIVE UNITED**